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 AID DONORS MEETING

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1. ON OCTOBER 11 EMBOFF DISCUSSED UPCOMING OCT 17 DONOR MEETING WITH R. MCKINNON, DIRECTOR OF EXTAFF AID AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. EMBOFF STRESSED POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL A, PARTICULARLY PARA 7.

2. MCKINNON SAID THAT GOC POLICY STILL NOT RPT NOT SETTLED AS EXTAFF MINISTER MACEACHEN HAD NOT YET MADE DECISION. WHEN EMBOFF INFORMED MCKINNON THAT USG WAS PREPARED TO MODERATE ITS POSITION IN REGARD TO NAMING OF FUTURE MEETINGS (E.G., SUBGROUPS, INFORMAL SESSIONS, ETC.), MCKINNON SAID THAT HE WOULD MAKE SURE EXTAFF PRINCIPALS WERE AWARE OF THIS ACCOMMODATION. HE SAID CONSULTATIVE GROUP OR SOME SUCH TERM WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC.

3. HOWEVER, MCKINNON REITERATED PREVIOUS VIEWS THAT GOC DID NOT THINK THAT TIME WAS PROPITIOUS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF VIETNAM SUBGROUP. WHEN EMBOFF AGAIN STRESSED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO SETTING UP SUCH SUBGROUP FOR SVN, MCKINNON SAID EXTAFF WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE OUR VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION AND PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY OF GOC POSITION BEFORE OCT 17 MEETING.

4. COMPLICATING FACTOR FOR GOC, ACCORDING TO MCKINNON, WAS RECENT ARTICLE IN LE MONDE REPORTEDLY SAYING THAT DONORS WOULD BE ASKED TO PLEDGE \$50 MILLION AT UPCOMING MEETING. QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED IN PARLIAMENT REGARDING THE STORY. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 8:

BEGIN QUOTE

MR. ANDRES BREWIN (GREENWOOD): MR. SPEAKER, MY QUESTION IS FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IS CANADA PARTICIPATING IN A MEETING OF THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN PARIS ON OCTOBER
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17 AT WHICH AN ADVANCE OF \$50 MILLION TO BE SAIGON REGIME WILL BE PROPOSED AND WHAT IS CANADA'S ATTITUDE TO THE PROPOSED ADVANCE?

HON. ALLAN J. MACEACHEN (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS): MR. SPEAKER, I HAVE NO INFORMATION AT ALL ON THAT SUBJECT. I SHALL TAKE THE QUESTION AS NOTICE AND ANSWER THE QUESTION TOMORROW HOPEFULLY.

END QUOTE.

5. MCKINNON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EXTAFF BELIEVED USEFUL EXCHANGE WITH P. MCDougall, DIRECTOR GENERAL EXTAFF BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN WASHINGTON DURING RECENT IMF/IBRD MEETING (REFTEL C). HOWEVER, DESPITE PERSISTENT EFFORTS BY CANADIAN EMBASSY AND MISS MCDougall, MCKINNON SAID THAT THEY COULD NOT OBTAIN MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS. PORTER

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